



Why Purity?

Teen virgins can expect an average income that is 16 percent higher than sexually active teens from identical socioeconomic backgrounds. This will mean an **increased average salary of \$370,000** over their lifetime according to the Heritage Foundation.

When a woman is married as a virgin, **her divorce rate is 76 percent lower** than a non-virgin. For men it's 63 percent lower, according to The Social Organization of Sexuality: Sexual Practices in the United States.

Among those who have already lost their virginity, **two-thirds wished they had waited longer** to have sex (77 percent of girls and 60 percent of guys) according to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

Why Wait?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) reported **19 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases in the United States**, and that the treatment for STD's costs over \$16.5 billion annually. These figures do not include the mental or emotional trauma caused by STDs.

While people **in the age group of 15 – 24** make up only 25 percent of those sexually active, in 2009 they **accounted for over 50 percent of new STD** infections according to the CDCP.

A teenage girl has nearly a **50/50 risk of getting HPV in her first sexual relationship**, (46 percent) according to BJOG : An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In 2006, 750,000 teenage girls became pregnant and 32 percent of those pregnancies ended in abortion. Sexual activity among teens is a strong and significant predictor of decreased academic results. One report shows that sexually active teens are:

- almost three times more likely to be expelled or drop out of high school;
- 50 percent less likely to attend or graduate from college; and
- More likely to not graduate from college by the time they turn 30.

What is the Day of Purity?

Every year on Valentine's Day thousands of students participate in the Day of Purity in their schools, youth groups, and other public locations. Some people wear white shirts or wristbands to symbolize purity. Others pass out educational fliers to their peers or have a Father-Daughter event. It encourages youth who are waiting for marriage and gives them the opportunity to stand up together. It provides the chance to be an example to others of a life of sexual purity until marriage and fidelity within marriage. Visit www.DayOfPurity.org for free resources, including a planning guide, additional statistics, and a list of others who are already involved.